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TO : Legislative Counsel
334 Admin Bldg.,

DATE: 22 January 1958

ATTN :
FROM :

Map Library Division, ORR []

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SUBJECT: Senate Small Business Committee: Mapping

REF : Our Telecon this date

1. We have received reports from several government agencies that the above mentioned committee will consider during this session of Congress the question of contracting more of the government mapping activities to commercial organizations than has been the case in the past. Specific details concerning this reported investigation are lacking, viz., what prompted certain Senators to take an interest in this matter, and what frame of reference they will start with and the course the inquiry will take.

2. We would appreciate the assistance of your office in keeping us informed of progress in this matter. The Map Library is extremely interested in any activity such as this that might have a significant effect on our map collection and map intelligence responsibilities. The following questions are furnished as a guide to our interests:

a. What is the purpose of the investigation? When is it scheduled for committee action? What motivated the consideration by the committee? Has any staff work been done thus far? (We would be interested in written or oral conclusions).

b. What scope will the investigation cover? Are all aspects of the mapping field, e.g. aerial photography, done by the government to be considered? (It is suggested that aerial photography not be mentioned unless brought out in response to the general question).

c. Could your office obtain for us copies of reports, transcripts, and other written material that may result from this investigation?

3. Since most of the information in paragraph 1 is unsubstantiated, we would appreciate an initial verification of the basic facts surrounding the proposal to undertake this investigation.

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3/10 Made follow-up call to Bonant.
He suggests we not contact the committee again but keep an eye on any activity mentioned in the Record.

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